Peath in the electric chair. The law in Massachusetts provides no other punishment for first degree murder. Richeson's lawyers still are loneful that Mr. Pelletier may be induced to accept a plea of guilty in the second degree, which would permit Judge Sanderson to impose a life sentence. Few believe Mr. Pelletier will agree, "I shall not interfere in the slightest with the course of justice," he said to night. "A confession, you understand, is not a plea of guilty to the

the course of Justice," he said to night.
"A confession, you understand, is not a plea of guilty to the indictment. Although Richeson has confessed, he still stands before the court as pleading not guilty. If Richeson should plead guilty in open court before January 15, the date set for his trial, there would be no trial and it would be legal and proper for Audge Sanderson to sentence him to death, just as if a jury had convicted him.

"The poisoning of Avis Linnell is murder in the first degree. You cannot make it anything else. I have no discretion to accept less than a plea of guilty of murder in that degree. Under no consideration would I permit that man to gater a plea in the second degree, or for mansiaughter.

"His confession undoubtedly will be followed by a change in his plea, and it is possible that Richeson will be prought into court before the date.

no. doubt that Richeson's attorneys will conter the plea he demands and permit the divine to be sentenced to death, in the hope that Gevernor Fess and his Executive Council will commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

It became known to-night that for three days. Attorneys bee and Morse, representing the pastor, have been working with Felletter, urging him to permit the entering of a pica of guilty to second degree murder, so that Judge Sanderson might be at liberty to impose a life sentence.

Knew He Was Guilty.

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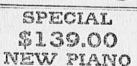
orney flushed angrily and

sprang to his foot.
"That is a guestion will answer for no living min." he shouted. "If we cannot continue this interview without

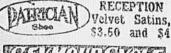
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caniged his pica from that of not guilty to that of guilty of murder in the first degree—the same pica. Mr. Pelletter declares, he will demand from Richeson. A judge of the State Supreme Court which at that time had charge of criminal cases, took Green's case from the hands of the jury, and without securing a jury's verdict, sentenced the slayer to be hanged. Governor Andrews declined to sign a death warrant. The case was remanded to the Supreme Court where all the justices ruled that a trial judge might scittence a man to die on a pica of guilty, even without a jury trial. Governor Andrews still declined to sign the death warrant, but his successor signed the paper and Green was hanged.

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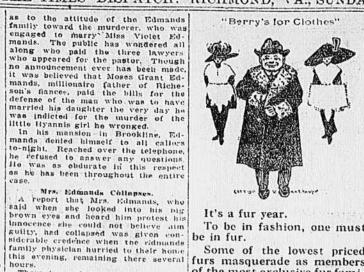
Attorneys declare this is the only precedent to guide Judge Sanderson in his disposition of the Baptist preacher. It is believed this case will be cited by District Attorney Pelletier in his demand for a right fulfilment of the ancient law of death for murder.

Always Seeking Escape.

That Richeson, wracked night and day by the shadow of the electric chair, sought ever to devise some plan for escape, is the declaration to-night of his keepers in the Charles Street

chair, sought ever to devise some plan for escape, is the declaration to-night of his keepers in the Charles Street sell. They say his act of mutilating himself was not the act of an insano man, but rather that of a crafty criminal who sought either to show that he was incapable of causing Avis Linnella downfall, or to set up the groundwork for an insanity plea.

That the insanity plea was the one upon which Richesen based his main hope of escape from death is almost sure. Though for days at a time he has been normal and perfectly rational, there is no longer any effort being made to deny that, at other times, after he mutilated himself. Richeson raved in his cell, simulating the acts of a medman, but carrying his nict to excess. His wild screams have been heard all over the fall short-term prisoners who have been pastor-murderer shricking with maniacal tury by day and night.



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"My boy Clarence has just told me he is not guilty of this dastardly crime," proudly said the aged father, "and I believe him. Clarence never told me a lie in his life, but—" and here the old man's voice broke—"but if he should be guilty, he is no son of mine. I would disawn him in a second. The Richesons of Verginia are not murderers; they would not stand by one of their own if he siew the girl." Men's black broadcloth coats lined with Australian marmot and other fine furs, at \$40 to

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Belted and plain-back Great "I believed from the first that Mr. Richeson was guilty," she said, "and on the said of the come out. But I cannot believe Mr. Richeson was in his right mind when be poison-Coats, in rough Scotch cloths, \$20 to \$45.

Chesterfields, of course, \$10



## THINKS PASTOR SANE BUT A CUNNING FIEND

Mrs. Linnell, mother of the murder

ed girl, to-day expressed relief that Richeson had confessed, but there was

no exultation in her voice.

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CHURCH OF WHICH HE WAS THE PASTOR

GIRL RICHESON KILLED, HER HOME AND

discrimination between right and wrong.

"He did not wrong Avis Linnell impulsively, but deliberately. He did not woo the Edmands girl through sudden lippulse, but through a motive and after a well deliberated plan. This was cupidity, in the first instance, at least. "He did not stay the Linnell girl through sudden impulse, but as a fart of a well-laid plan. He did not mutilate himself through a frenzy, but with the intention of creating the foundation for a defense which would save him from the chair.

"He did not write the confession made public to-day under a sudden impulse. The confession shows calculation, fine deliberation, and its composition indicates an effort to produce the best impression. Cleverly it asserts that Ilcineson has no hope of saving himself through it, yet it was written for no other.

through it, yet it was written for no other purpose than that. "If Richeson had been outside a cell

instead of behind bars: If he had faced

# ministry and his work as a pastor afterward, to a high capacity for the discrimination between right and

Little Girl Probably Fatally Burned When Skirt Is Caught on Fire.

RUSHED TO CITY HOSPITAL

Physicians Have Little Hope for Recovery in View of Condition.

Tragedy followed close upon inno-cent play yesterday afternoon, when Louise Everett, the nine-year-old daughter of Edgar Lee Everett, of Instead of behind bars: If he had faced a future with the heiress, rather than almost sure exposure and punishment, he would never have confessed, and his lashings of conscience would never have multiple for the would never have confessed, and his lashings of conscience would never have manifested, themselves.

"Yes, my opinion is that Richeson is more guilty than the ordinary man would be under the same circumstances, for he is canable of a fine discrimination, possessed of a keen mind, and his training should have taken him from the farthest mental polnt from such a crime. Hence he realized at all times more keenly than the ordinary man the enormity of hits acts.

Cent play yesterday afternoon, when contine yesterd, when yesterd, when yesterd, when yesterd, or Edgar Lee Everett, of 630 Church Street, having in a spirit of fun put on a dress with a long train, ventured too near an open fire-place and found herself in a moment training should have taken him from the functional point from such a crime. Hence he realized at all times more keenly than the ordinary man training should have taken him from the functional point of the such that they play grown fokes, for he is careful and the such as the street to the street to the such as t

Recently than the ordinary man keently than the ordinary man hereafted at all times keently than the ordinary man hereafted to fits acts, it is one driving thins, the one great is one driving thins, the one great is one driving thins, the one great gets in the case of Richeson, was gottsm. He could not resist him. What he desired he must have on what he desired. He took it as fit takes his proy. He denied him, orthins. He had no mercy, that removes what from removes, that removing the hours of course, suffers what from remove, that removing the burning garments. When these per finally removed it was found that the chaid was scorched and burned from head to foot, and a hurry call was sent in for the ambunance. ourhea from head to foot, and a hurry call was sent in for the ambutance. Dr. R. E. Watts responded, but encountered strong opposition on the part of the Tamily to the little girl's removal to the City Hospital, the mother pleading that she be kept at home. Better counsel, however, prevailed, and the child was rushed,

strong enough. He Hahn suggested cyanide of potassium "That's strong enough to kill three

or four dogs."
"Hahn," said Richeson, "put in three

the result that a surgeon had to perform a dangerous operation. Nobody thought that Richeson had tried to commit suicide. It appeared more likely that his self-injury was the result of remorse, possibly of an unbalanced mind. He was dangerously lift for a time, but has been recovering steadily. His trial was set for January 15.

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CELEBRATE ADMISSION

"Hahn," said Richeson, "put in three or four more chunks, won't you."

Hahn was surprised, but did ar Richeson requested.
"Now can you keep a secret?" askee Richeson. "I haven't bought this."

Hahn reassured him, and Richeson left after inviting the druggish to his wedding with Miss Edmands. On this information the police decided to arrest Richeson.

On December 19 he injured himself shockingly with a piece of the apparently from the top of a marmalado jar, gashing himself in the groin with the result that a surgeon had to perform a dangerous operation. Nobody thought that Richeson had tried

SCHOONER LOADED WITH ACID ALMOST DESTROYED BY FIRE

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Leaves Money for Own Statue, [Special to The Times-Dispatch,] Waterbury, Conn., January 6.—Colonel Watson J. Miller, a Shelton manufacturer, worth \$200,000, bequeathed in his will, filed for probate to day, 550,000 with which to purchase a statue of himself to be placed in front of the town hall.

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